



Massachusetts  
Department of Correction

## **Quarterly Report on the Status of Prison Overcrowding, Third Quarter of 1994**

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Section 21 of the Acts of 1985

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# 1994 Third Quarter Report

**S**ection Twenty-one of Chapter 799 of the Acts of 1985 directs the Commissioner of Correction to report quarterly on the status of overcrowding in the state and county facilities. This statute calls for the following information;

*Such report shall include, by facility, the average daily census for the period of the report and the actual census on the second and last days of the report period. Said report shall also contain such information for the previous twelve months and a comparison to the rated capacity of such facility.*

This report presents the required statistics for the third quarter of 1994.

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*This report was prepared by Ramon V. Raagas of the Research Division and is based on daily count sheets prepared by the Classification Division. Table 5 is based on Admission and Release rosters submitted by the institutions.*

## Technical Notes

• The official capacity or security level designation for each facility can change for a number of reasons, e.g. expansion of facility beds, decrease of facility beds due to fire, or changes in contracts with vendors. In all tables the capacity and security level reflects the status at the end of the reporting period. The design capacity is reported for correctional facilities in Tables 1, 2, 3, and 4. On August 10, 1993, the state terminated its contracts with Mass. Halfway House, Inc., Spectrum House, Faith House, Hillside, and Day Reporting Center. This resulted in the elimination of 96 beds.

- The population figures for Cedar Junction include DSU, DDU and open population.
- The population figures for Norfolk include both DSU and open population.
- The population figures for Park Drive include both PPREP and open population.
- The population figures for all facilities include both male and female inmates.
- State inmates housed in the Hampshire county contract program are included in the county population tables as are all other state inmates housed in county facilities.

• Longwood Treatment Center is a specialized DOC facility for individuals incarcerated for O.U.I. On January, 1993 the facility added 50 beds for the state inmates making the total of 175 beds. Because the inmates are primarily county sentenced inmates, the inmate count and bed capacity are included in Tables 3 and 4.

• Pondville Correctional Center is a minimum/pre-release security facility formerly known as Norfolk Pre-Release Center.

• The Massachusetts Boot Camp opened on August 17, 1992, and is located at the Bridgewater Correctional complex in Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Prior to 1993, the Boot Camp had been listed as a DOC minimum security facility. Beginning with the first quarter of 1993, the Boot Camp is listed along with Bridgewater SH, AC, TC and Longwood TC in Tables 1 and 2. As with Longwood, most of the Boot Camp inmates are from the county houses of correction, so the Boot Camp is also listed with the county facilities in Tables 3 and 4.

• The counts reported for MHHI include pre-release inmates and exclude parole inmates housed in those facilities.

• Norfolk includes Braintree, Dedham, and Norfolk Contract. Middlesex includes both Billerica and Cambridge. Berkshire includes the pre-release facility. Suffolk-South Bay includes the contract facility. Essex includes Middleton, and Lawrence Alternative Center. Bristol includes Dartmouth, Eastern Mass. Alternative Center and Pre-release.

• Nashua Street inmates housed at other facilities are reported in the counts for the facilities in which they were in custody.

## Abbreviations

AC	- Addiction Center	NCCI	- North Central Correctional Institution at Gardner
ADP	- Average Daily Population	OSCC	- Old Colony Correctional Center
ATU	- Awaiting Trial Unit	OUI	- Operating Under the Influence
CRS	- Contract Residential Services. Includes Charlotte House, and Houston House	PPREP	- Pre-Parole Residential Environmental Phase Program
DDU	- Departmental Disciplinary Unit	PRC	- Pre-Release Center
DSU	- Departmental Segregation Unit	SECC	- Southeastern Correctional Center
DRC	- Day Reporting Center	SDPTC	- Sexually Dangerous Person Treatment Center
Drug Rehab	- Includes Meridian House, Treatment Ctr. and Spectrum House	SMCC	- South Middlesex Correctional Center (formerly SMPRC)
LCAC	- Lawrence Correctional Alternative Ctr.	SH	- State Hospital
MHHI	- Massachusetts Halfway Houses Inc. includes Temporary Housing Project, McGrath and Brooke House	TC	- Treatment Center
NECC	- Northeastern Correctional Center	WSATP	- Women's Substance Abuse Treatment Program. Includes Faith House and Griffin House

**Table 1 provides the DOC figures for the third quarter of 1994.** As this table indicates, the DOC population (excluding Bridgewater SH, SDPTC, AC, Longwood TC, Mass. Boot Camp) decreased by 169 inmates during the third quarter. At the end of the quarter, the DOC operated with 9,651 inmates in the system, and the average daily population was 9,681 with a design capacity of 6,528. Thus, the DOC operated at 148 percent of design capacity.

**Population in Department of Correction Facilities,  
July 1, 1994 to September 30, 1994**

Facility	Average Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design Capacity	% ADP Capacity
Cedar Junction	827	834	826	693	119%
Concord	1,275	1,381	1,281	514	248%
Framingham - ATU	98	113	92	64	153%
Framingham	442	409	465	388	114%
Norfolk	1,306	1,307	1,305	1,019	128%
Bay State	265	266	265	266	100%
NCCI	1,005	1,007	1,008	568	177%
OCCC	716	717	715	488	147%
SECC	722	721	715	356	203%
Shirley-Medium	1,089	1,082	1,090	720	151%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>7,745</b>	<b>7,837</b>	<b>7,762</b>	<b>5,076</b>	<b>153%</b>
NCC	245	257	242	150	163%
SECC-Minimum	202	206	192	200	101%
Lancaster-Male	203	203	206	94	216%
Lancaster-Female	67	66	71	59	114%
Plymouth	209	220	201	151	138%
Pondville	198	204	184	100	198%
Shirley-Minimum	418	424	407	403	104%
SMCC	184	187	172	125	147%
Hodder House	27	33	26	35	77%
Boston State	91	93	90	55	165%
Park Drive	71	69	71	50	142%
Charlotte	13	14	15	15	87%
Houston House	8	7	12	15	53%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>1,936</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>1,889</b>	<b>1,452</b>	<b>133%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,681</b>	<b>9,820</b>	<b>9,651</b>	<b>6,528</b>	<b>148%</b>
Bridgewater SH	308	326	311	337	91%
Bridgewater TC	212	213	212	216	98%
Bridgewater AC	181	176	192	430	42%
Longwood TC	144	120	159	175	82%
Mass. Boot Camp	120	113	112	256	47%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>1,414</b>	<b>68%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10,646</b>	<b>10,768</b>	<b>10,637</b>	<b>7,942</b>	<b>134%</b>
Houses of Correction	929	798	949	n.a	n.a
Federal Prisons	27	30	28	n.a	n.a
Inter-State Contract	65	65	69	n.a	n.a

Table 2 provides the DOC figures for the previous twelve months - i.e., for the period July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994. These figures indicate that the DOC population increased by 117 over this twelve-month period (excluding Bridgewater SH, SDPTC, AC, Longwood TC, Mass. Boot Camp), from 9,701 in July, 1993 to 9,818 in June, 1994.

**Population in Department of Correction Facilities,  
July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994**

Facility	Average Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design Capacity	% ADP Capacity
Cedar Junction	823	840	835	693	119%
Concord	1,278	1,228	1,372	514	249%
Frammingham - ATU	85	70	115	64	133%
Frammingham	390	375	408	388	101%
Norfolk	1,283	1,275	1,307	1,019	126%
Bay State	265	266	266	266	100%
NCCI	1,016	1,031	1,009	568	179%
OSCC	715	710	717	488	147%
SECC	725	734	720	356	204%
Shirley-Medium	1,089	1,085	1,089	720	151%
Sub-Total	<b>7,669</b>	<b>7,614</b>	<b>7,838</b>	<b>5,076</b>	<b>151%</b>
NCC	261	270	259	150	174%
SECC-Minimum	192	189	208	200	96%
Lancaster-Male	204	210	204	94	217%
Lancaster-Female	78	77	66	59	132%
Plymouth	234	274	219	151	155%
Pondville	196	186	201	100	196%
Shirley-Minimum	414	404	414	403	103%
SMCC	192	195	191	125	154%
Hodder House	29	30	33	35	83%
Boston State	96	107	95	55	175%
Park Drive	89	86	69	50	178%
*MHHI	0	37	0	50	0%
Charlotte	13	15	14	15	87%
Houston House	7	7	7	15	47%
Sub-Total	<b>2,005</b>	<b>2,087</b>	<b>1,980</b>	<b>1,502</b>	<b>133%</b>
Total	<b>9,674</b>	<b>9,701</b>	<b>9,818</b>	<b>6,578</b>	<b>147%</b>
Bridgewater SH	307	314	332	337	91%
Bridgewater TC	217	221	213	216	100%
Bridgewater AC	187	162	180	430	43%
Longwood TC	144	147	120	175	82%
Mass. Boot Camp	146	137	140	256	57%
Sub-Total	<b>1,001</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>1,414</b>	<b>74%</b>
Grand Total	<b>10,675</b>	<b>10,682</b>	<b>10,803</b>	<b>7,992</b>	<b>135%</b>
Houses of Correction	814	625	897	n.a	n.a
Federal Prisons	30	30	30	n.a	n.a
Inter-State Contract	64	65	65	n.a	n.a

\* = closed July 1993. See Technical Notes

**Table 3 presents the county figures for the third quarter of 1994.** The county population increased by 437 inmates during this quarter. At the end of the quarter, the county system operated with 10,221 inmates, and the average daily population was 10,023 in facilities with a total design capacity of 7,513. Thus, the county system operated at 133 percent of design capacity.

**Population in County Correctional Facilities,  
July 1, 1994 to September 30, 1994**

Facility	Average Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design Capacity	% ADP Capacity
Barnstable	217	198	246	110	197%
Berkshire	208	219	206	126	165%
Bristol	999	991	1,030	696	144%
Dukes	17	19	18	19	89%
Essex	1,129	1,149	1,107	635	178%
Franklin	109	109	123	63	173%
Hampden	1,359	1,350	1,367	1,178	115%
Hampden-OUI	117	99	133	125	94%
Hampshire	247	253	250	263	94%
Middlesex	1,153	1,130	1,175	792	146%
Norfolk	570	567	587	379	150%
Plymouth	870	680	902	307	283%
Suffolk-Nashua St	484	462	497	453	107%
Suffolk-So Bay	1,331	1,361	1,325	1,146	116%
Worcester	949	964	984	790	120%
Longwood TC	144	120	159	175	82%
Mass. Boot Camp	120	113	112	256	47%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,023</b>	<b>9,784</b>	<b>10,221</b>	<b>7,513</b>	<b>133%</b>

**Table 4 presents the county figures for the previous twelve months.** These figures indicate that the county population increased by 788 inmates or 9 percent over this twelve-month period, from 9,028 in July, 1993 to 9,816 in June, 1994

**Population in County Correctional Facilities,  
July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994**

Facility	Average Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design Capacity	% ADP Capacity
Barnstable	190	156	203	110	173%
Berkshire	207	190	213	126	164%
Bristol	919	864	1,004	696	132%
Dukes	18	19	19	19	95%
Essex	1,135	1,036	1,160	635	179%
Franklin	110	113	110	63	175%
Hampden	1,320	1,252	1,360	1,178	112%
Hampden-OUI	119	127	93	125	95%
Hampshire	259	276	243	263	98%
Middlesex	1,085	1,090	1,150	792	137%
Norfolk	512	462	539	379	135%
Plymouth	524	538	660	307	171%
Suffolk-Nashua St	451	452	466	453	100%
Suffolk-So. Bay	1,308	1,254	1,354	1,146	114%
Worcester	1,010	915	982	790	128%
Longwood TC	144	147	120	175	82%
Mass. Boot Camp	146	137	140	256	57%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,457</b>	<b>9,028</b>	<b>9,816</b>	<b>7,513</b>	<b>126%</b>

**Table 5** provides statistics on court commitments to the DOC in 1993 and 1994. Overall, there has been an increase of 251, or 12 percent, in commitments for the third quarter of 1994 in comparison with the number of commitments in 1993, from 2,166 to 2,417. Commitments to Cedar Junction for the third quarter of 1994 increased by 92, or 25 percent when compared to the 1993 figure. Overall, male commitments for 1994 were up by 45, or 3 percent from 1993. Commitments to Framingham during 1994 increased by 206, or 36 percent compared to the number of commitments during the same period of 1993.

<b>Court Commitments to the DOC</b>			
	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>MCI-Cedar Junction</b>			
First Quarter	453	497	10%
Second Quarter	501	570	14%
Third Quarter	362	454	25%
<b>MCI-Concord</b>			
First Quarter	89	39	-56%
Second Quarter	114	42	-63%
Third Quarter	74	36	-51%
<b>Total Males</b>	<b>1,593</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>MCI-Framingham</b>			
First Quarter	200	201	1%
Second Quarter	215	261	21%
Third Quarter	158	317	101%
<b>Total Females</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>36%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,166</b>	<b>2,417</b>	<b>12%</b>

**Figure 1** provides a graphical representation of the number of court commitments to the DOC committing institutions during the third quarter of 1993 and the third quarter of 1994.

